

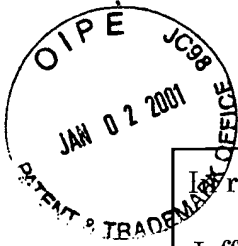
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☐ **BLAST results enclosed:**

The undersigned also wishes to bring to the attention of the Examiner BLAST results of computerized alignments of the against sequences contained in the nucleotide and protein databases. The BLAST results are provided in paper form and are identified as reference "BLAST Results A-1- A-0" (nucleotide) and "BLAST Results B-1 - B-0" (protein) on the PTO Form 1449. Applicant requests that these references also be considered and that the Form 1449 be initialed to indicate the Examiner's consideration of the references.

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An English language translation is provided for item 87.
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